



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7

11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Article No.: 7014 1200 0000 6124 0244

Mr. Ted Henderson
Director of Public Works
City of Bloomfield
703 South East Street
Bloomfield, Iowa 52537

Re: **Request for Information Pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act**

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This letter requests information regarding compliance by the City of Bloomfield, Iowa, with requirements of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. IA0047929. A representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted an inspection of the City of Bloomfield Wastewater Treatment Facility on June 22 – 25, 2015. The inspection was conducted under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318. A copy of the report was sent to the City by letter dated August 17, 2015.

The purpose of this letter is to obtain additional information so the EPA can determine the facility's compliance with the CWA. Section 308(a) of the CWA authorizes the EPA to require the submission of information necessary to carry out the objectives of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, including information to determine whether a person is in compliance with the CWA. Under the authority of Section 308(a) of the CWA, the agency hereby requires the City of Bloomfield to provide the information requested in **ENCLOSURE 1 within thirty (30) days unless otherwise noted therein.**

Important Information about This Request and the Response

Please read the instructions included in ENCLOSURE 1 carefully before preparing your responses to this Information Request. Compliance with this information request is mandatory. Please be advised that failure to respond accurately or submission of false information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties under Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319, and/or 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

The information required by this request must be submitted notwithstanding any claim you may have concerning confidentiality. The City may assert a business confidentiality claim with respect to part or all of the information submitted to the agency under the provisions of 33 U.S.C. § 1318, 18 U.S.C. § 1905, and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 2, and in the manner described at 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by the agency only to the extent, and by means, of the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is submitted to the agency, it may be made available to the public by the agency without further notice to the City. Please note that effluent information may not be regarded as confidential.

Information submitted pursuant to this Section 308 information request shall be sent in a manner that allows you to track delivery and addressed as follows:

**Wayne Dillard, P.E.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
WWPD/WENF
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, Kansas 66219.**

We appreciate your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this information request, please contact Wayne Dillard, at phone number (913) 551-7885 or by email at dillard.wayne@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Flournoy
Director
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Ted Petersen, IDNR

ENCLOSURE

INFORMATION REQUEST

This information is requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 308(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a).

I. Instructions

1. Please provide a separate response to each and every request set forth below. Please label each response in a manner that identifies the number of the question or document request.
2. If any response cannot be provided in full, provide the response to the extent possible along with an explanation of why the response cannot be provided in its entirety.
3. If information or documents not known or not available to you as of the date of submission of your response to this request should later become known or available to you, you must supplement your response to the EPA within ten (10) business days of when the information or documents become known or available. Moreover, should you find, at any time after the submission of your response, that any portion of the submitted information is false or misrepresents the truth, you must notify the EPA of this fact immediately and provide a corrected response within ten (10) business days of when you find the information is false or misrepresents the truth.
4. If you believe any of the requested information is confidential, you may assert a business confidentiality claim pursuant to the regulations set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Information requested by this letter, however, must be submitted to the EPA regardless of such a claim of confidentiality. If the EPA determines the information you have designated meets the criteria in 40 C.F.R. § 2.208, the information will be disclosed only to the extent and by means of the procedures specified in Subpart B. Unless a confidentiality claim is asserted at the time the requested information is submitted, the EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice to you.
5. Compliance with this information request is mandatory. Please be advised that failure to respond accurately or submission of false information may subject you to civil or criminal penalties under Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319, and/or 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Please be aware that the issuance of this letter and your response with the requested information does not relieve you of any responsibility under the CWA for seeking, maintaining, or complying with an applicable NPDES permit.
6. All information should be submitted in a manner that allows you to track delivery, and must be submitted to:

Wayne Dillard, P.E.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
WWPD/WENF
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

II. Requested Information

Please submit your response to this Information Request as directed below in this Section II, to the address provided in Section I.

Note that except for a cover letter or memorandum 1) only copies, and not original documents, should be submitted pursuant to this request, and 2) documents and data may be submitted on a compact disc or USB thumb drive in PDF, Word, Excel or other widely available digital format.

1. In each response required under this Section II, identify the person to contact regarding your response, including title, address and phone number.
2. Your responses to this Information Request are to be provided by a qualified professional. Please provide the name and credentials of the person(s) providing information in response to this Information Request.
3. Provide a copy of each monitoring report required by your National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) covering the period from January 1, 2012 through the date of your response to this Information Request.
4. Provide a copy of the stream flow data for the Fox River used to calculate the ammonia nitrogen discharged from the wastewater treatment facility for the period from January 1, 2012 through the date of your response to this Information Request.
5. Provide a copy of each laboratory report for influent and effluent sampling conducted for the period from January 1, 2012 through the date of your response to this Information Request.
6. Provide a copy of each wastewater system bypass, backup or overflow record, whether reported to the IDNR or not, from January 1, 2012 through the date of your response to this Information Request.
7. Provide a copy of any documentation of citizen complaints received by the City of Bloomfield regarding wastewater system bypasses, backups or overflows between January 1, 2012 and the date of your response to this Information Request.
8. Provide a copy of the NPDES permit renewal application you were required to file with the IDNR by June 25, 2002 and a copy of all documentation, if any, of subsequent communications between the City of Bloomfield and the IDNR regarding the NPDES permit renewal.